

January 18-22, 2016
Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

Several ground counts were not completed this week due to flooding. Ballard WMA remains closed but should open Friday, 1/22/16. Most of the state has received some snow, and more winter weather is on the way. As always, remember to plan for the cold weather and stay safe. Happy hunting!

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	No Count		Due to rising water, ground counts are not possible this week.
Barren River Lake			
Birdsville Island	No count		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	No Count		
Duck Island	No Count		
Boatwright WMA	No count		Due to rising water, ground counts are not possible this week.
Doug Travis WMA	No Count		Due to rising water, ground counts are not possible this week. Birds are using the WMA but getting an accurate count is not possible. Reminder- hunting ends at 2:00pm daily on the area and signed areas of DTWMA that are "closed" to all access.
Cave Run Lake	No count		
Clear Creek WMA	No Count		
Peabody WMA	1918 Ducks 353 CA Geese 3 Snow Geese 2 WF Geese	81% Mallard, 19% Gadwall, black ducks, shovelers, widgeon and ring-necks.	Most shallow water is frozen. Strip pits are still open and the middle of the larger wetlands are open.

Sloughs WMA	9,750 ducks 251 CA geese 5,500 WF geese 3,250 Snows Swans 145	95% mallards, 5% gadwall, shovelers, pintails, & black ducks.	With several consecutive days of below-freezing temperatures, nearly all water on the area is frozen. Nearly all of the waterfowl observed were concentrated on four open-water holes within the Pond Creek wetland complex. These holes are being kept ice-free solely by the large number of waterfowl using them. The observed decline in goose numbers is likely attributed to the recent snowfall, which has sufficiently covered winter wheat fields throughout the refuge, thereby limiting feeding opportunity.
Yellowbank WMA	590 Ducks	90% mallard, 5% gadwall, 5% black duck	All units are covered in thick ice except for small pockets of open water on the refuge.
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	365 ducks 400 Canada Geese	62% Gadwalls, 21% Mallards, 12% Redheads, 5% Ringnecks	MSU full. 80% freeze up on all lakes and ponds
Herrington Lake	1090 Ducks 1500 CA Goose	1000 Mallards, 50 Gadwall & GW Teal, 40 divers-mostly ringnecks with some redheads.	
Taylorville Lake	No Count		
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	No Count		
Green River WMA	No Count		